

**Partial List of Organizations Participating in the
Youth & Family Collaborative Planning Process**

Gordon Mattos- Friends of Waimanalo
Tai-An Miao- Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center
Keoki Fraser- CHAMP
Jimmy Torres- Waimanalo Teen Project
Ramona Chinn PhD -UH Dept. of Nursing
Ilima Ho- God's Country Waimanalo
Eldon Kohatsu- Ke Ola Hou
Deanna Gonda- Ke Ola Hou
Noelani Wilcox- UH Dept of Nursing, Hui Ola Pono program
Karen Umemoto PhD- UH Dept of Urban and Regional Planning Practicum
Representative Chris Lee
Wilson Kekoa Ho - Waimanalo Neighborhood Board
Paul Richards - President Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association
Sue Towner - Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate School
Mohala Pokini- Blanche Pope Elementary
Kehau Padilla - 96795 News, Waimanalo Co-operative market
Kathy Morris- Hui Malama O Ke Kai
Lani Eckart- Hui Malama O Ke Kai
Roy Brooks- Kokua Ohana


We invite you to come and participate in this effort!

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Waimanalo Youth & Family Collaborative

"Creating it FOR and WITH our community"

Waimanalo Youth & Family Collaborative
Strategic Planning Retreat Invitation
March 23-24

Collaborative Purpose:

This collaborative was convened to facilitate community input in determining what kinds of activities, programs, and services are needed in order for youth and their families to overcome challenges they face and to build a healthy, safe, and sustainable community. The collaboration aims to build relationships between organizations, establish a common vision and mission, and outline major goals for the development of a Waimanalo Youth & Family Service Center.

Collaborative Background:

The Waimanalo Togetherness Group held on the second Tuesday of every month was initiated by the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center in September 2007 in an effort to strengthen collaboration amongst Waimanalo's youth and family service organizations and community members. Since then, it has met monthly to provide a time for community organizations to share ideas about how we can proactively address youth violence, substance abuse, and other issues. Out of this effort, an idea for a "Youth & Family Service Center" emerged, based on a similar and successful project in New Zealand. In September 2008 a representative from this service center in New Zealand, Lou Davis, came to share with the Waimanalo Togetherness Group. He shared their journey as a collaborative to provide youth and family services through multiple community based organizations and government entities housed under one roof. Many Waimanalo organizations and community members desired to see something similar produced here in our community. Invitations to discuss and network efforts began in the following months. In January 2009, graduate students from UH began facilitating a planning process for this Youth and Family Collaborative and Center.

The collective organizations that have committed to this project have identified the benefits in working collaboratively and building relationships as organizations. This allows us to share resources, communicate about the needs and services for our community and better organize services so that they meet the needs of the youth and families. By building relationships and connections with the organizations, individuals and providers that service our youth and families, we create a network of support bound by the mutual commitment and passion to our common task and goals of providing a safety net to Waimanalo youth and families.

On Feb 27-28, fifty-five Waimanalo youth aged 10-19 gathered for an overnight "visioning Retreat" to provide their input and discuss what the youth issues and needs in Waimanalo were. They also collectively decided upon the activities and programs that would be needed at the youth center. On March 23-24 we hope to repeat this visioning exercise and gain input for the broader community, specifically those individuals and entities that in some way provide support and services to youth and their families.

Aloha,

The Waimanalo Community Youth and Family Collaborative Planning Committee would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming Strategic Planning Retreat held March 23-24. In an effort to gain community input and to encourage community engagement in this project, we are asking those in the community that provide services and support to our Waimanalo families and youth to provide their wisdom, suggestions, concerns and vision for a Youth and Family Service Center.

The working vision for this service center is to create a central place that provides resources and support for Waimanalo's youth and families. These resources and services will be offered by multiple community based agencies as well as government entities housed under the Youth and Family Center Collaborative. Individual organizations will retain their own autonomy, but collectively form a collaboration that chooses to work together to best serve our community.

We ask that you please make time to come and provide us with your input and ideas. An outline of the two day schedule is provided below, and we encourage you to join us for the entire two days, or choose what subjects and times are most convenient and specific to your schedule and agenda. Mahalo!

March 23- Needs Assessment & Program Planning

8:30- 9am: Arrival, sign in, continental breakfast

9-10 am: Introductions, Team Builder

10 am: Feb 27-28 Youth Retreat Visioning Results Presentation

10:15-12pm: Strategic Planning: Vision, Mission

12-1 pm: Lunch

1-3pm: Round Table Panels: Education, Health and General breakout sessions: panels identify & discuss specific support needs in these areas

3-4pm: Round Table Panels report back to larger group

March 24- Site planning & Design Charette

8:30-9am: Arrival, sign in, continental breakfast

9:00 am: Recap of yesterday, Site Walk

10- 12pm: Design Charrette with Architectural Program Development

12pm: Lunch

1-3pm: Charrette – Design Production

3-3:30 pm: Charrette Presentations